

## BOSTON WESTON IS GUILTY

Convicted of Involuntary Manslaughter  
This Morning

### PRISON SENTENCE

Murder of R. J. Holthouse  
is Vindicated

Jury Returned Verdict at 9:30. This  
Morning After Being Out  
Thirty-Seven Hours.

Huntington, Ind., March 31.—  
The jury in the Boston Weston case  
returned a verdict at 9:30 this  
morning, finding the defendant  
guilty of involuntary manslaughter.  
This makes the penalty a term of  
from two to twenty-one years, in  
the penitentiary at Michigan City.  
The jury was out thirty-seven  
hours.

The death of Roman J. Holthouse  
has been avenged so far as is pos-  
sible on this earth. As may be  
seen from the above dispatch the  
jury has done their duty and the  
people of Decatur are satisfied.  
The greatest interest had been  
manifested by our citizens and  
hundreds of inquiries came to this  
office yesterday and today concern-  
ing the outcome. Roman Holt-  
house was one of the most popular  
men in this city, and no difference  
what effort was made by John  
Brannan or others to injure his  
reputation, the deceased will al-  
ways be remembered here as a  
kind hearted and generous hus-  
band, father and citizen. He was  
given his death blow at Hunting-  
ton just two months ago, when  
Boston Weston, without any prov-  
ocation, felled him with a terrific  
blow that fractured his skull. The  
promissory of the Huntington  
county court in meting out justice  
is to be commended. The trial be-  
gan Monday morning and the case  
went to the jury at 8:30 Thursday  
evening. The first ballot showed  
eight for conviction and four for  
acquittal. Yesterday morning  
two changed, making the vote ten  
to two for conviction. The two  
held out until this morning when  
they voted for a conviction for in-  
voluntary manslaughter as a com-  
promise, voluntary manslaughter  
being asked for by the others. Just  
how any one who heard the evi-  
dence could vote for an acquittal is  
hard to say, but perhaps we have  
no right to judge. The relatives  
and friends are pleased with the  
verdict because they believe it just  
and right that Boston Weston suf-  
fer for his awful crime, but more  
than all they are pleased because  
the verdict is a vindication of the  
unjust charges made against one  
whom we loved and admired and  
who is not here to defend himself.  
The defendant will ask for a new  
trial and if refused may appeal his  
case to the supreme court, but in  
the meantime he will have to go  
to prison.

### Teachers Adjourn.

By United Press News Association.  
Indianapolis, March 31.—The  
thirteenth annual meeting of the  
Indiana Teachers' association  
closed this morning with a general  
meeting. It was the most success-  
ful meeting ever held.

### DIED TODAY

John Nix Answers Final Call After Long  
Illness.

John Nix, a well known resident  
of the city, died at 2:30 o'clock this  
afternoon. He had been in poor  
health for several years and had  
been confined at home for four  
months, with stomach and lung  
trouble. He became much worse  
this morning and gradually sank  
into the long sleep of death. He  
was employed at this office for  
many years and was an industri-  
ous, faithful employee. He leaves  
a wife and one son, besides many  
other friends. The funeral ar-  
rangements had not been com-  
pleted as we go to press.

### NEXT WEEK

Missionary Ladies to  
Meet in Decatur

At Presbyterian Church—Forty Delegates  
to Attend—Some of the Prominent  
Speakers.

The meeting of the Missionary  
Ladies of the Northeastern Indiana  
Presbytery will be held here next  
week. About fifty delegates will  
be present and the public is invited  
to attend each session. The meet-  
ings will be held Wednesday after-  
noon and evening. Mrs. Herbert  
Campbell, synodical vice-president,  
of Newton, Indiana, will give a  
lecture Wednesday evening, April  
4. She has studied plaza work in  
New Mexico and her lecture will  
be both instructive and interest-  
ing. Miss Grace Curtis Glenn of  
Fort Wayne, a returned missionary  
from Japan, will talk to the Chris-  
tian Endeavors at 4 o'clock, Wed-  
nesday afternoon. These two la-  
dies will be in the city for only a  
few hours. Don't fail to hear them.  
Another speaker will be Dr. Mary  
Bradford, a medical missionary  
from Labriz, Persia. She annually  
treats about 8,000 patients, making  
1,000 visits. Never a moment is  
lost, for not only healing the body  
but providing a cure for the "sin  
sick soul" as well. Decatur people  
should by all means attend these  
meetings.

### HAS TRAVELED

Dr. Fowler Has Been on Other  
Exploring Trips.

Dr. Fowler, the Bluffton man  
who is to join Walter Wellman on  
his trip in search of the north  
pole, has already had some expe-  
riences of more than ordinary in-  
terest. He went to Africa with  
Bishop Hartzell of the M. E. church,  
going in the interests of medicine.  
The church has a number of mis-  
sions in Africa, and sent the doc-  
tor there to study the needs, etc. Af-  
ter arriving in the country he  
visited the different missions and  
studied the needs of the natives  
and missions as regards medicine  
and treatment. He came to this  
city four months after returning  
from Africa. Dr. Fowler graduat-  
ed from Michigan University at  
Ann Arbor in the year 1889. Af-  
ter graduating he practiced medi-  
cine in Bay City, Michigan, for  
four years. He then returned to  
Ann Arbor, where he took a pos-  
tition as superintendent of the hos-  
pital in the medical department of  
the school.

### PLOT THICKENS

Brothers of Murdered Ed  
Voght Were in Jail

One of Them Wanted at Bryant for  
Running a Pool Room Without  
a License.

Clarence and Emanuel Voght,  
brothers of Ed Voght, who was  
murdered Tuesday night in his  
own home at Montpelier by Green  
Street, spent Thursday night in  
the Blackford county jail with  
Street. Officer C. L. Walker of  
Jay county, arrested Clarence, who  
is wanted for running a pool room  
at Bryant without a license and  
Sheriff Hudson arrested Emanuel,  
who has been wanted for some time  
on two charges—selling liquor with-  
out a license and allowing minors in  
his saloon. Friday morning friends  
from Montpelier were here and put  
up a cash bond of \$400 and the two  
were allowed to attend the funeral  
of their brother. Emanuel Voght  
some time ago conducted a saloon  
at Montpelier. It was run in a  
disorderly manner much of the  
time and he was indicted by the  
grand jury on two charges. Since  
that time he has been side-stepping  
the officers, but was found at the  
home of his brother Thursday  
night when Sheriff Hudson made a  
visit to Montpelier. The charge  
against Clarence Voght is the one  
on which Green Street was his  
bondman. His bond was for \$100,  
but he failed to appear in the Jay  
county court and this caused  
Street to go to Montpelier after  
him on the night Ed Voght was  
shot and killed. While in jail here  
no words were exchanged between  
either of the Voghts and Street.  
The funeral of Ed Voght was held  
Friday morning at the Methodist  
church in Montpelier. Rev. W.  
C. Martin, pastor of the Bluffton  
Baptist church, preached the ser-  
mon. The remains were taken to  
Bluffton on a special interurban  
car, where burial was made. Mrs.  
Voght will make her home with  
her parents, north of Bluffton.  
She had been married only eighteen  
months. —Hartford City News.

### LITTLE BOY DEAD

Freddie Williams, Four Years Old, a  
Victim of Lung Trouble.

Freddie, the four years old son of  
Mr. and Mrs. W. Williams, who  
reside at Steele's park, died this  
morning at four o'clock after an  
illness lasting two weeks, death re-  
sulting from lung fever. The little  
fellow contracted a heavy cold some  
time ago and could not get rid of it,  
although he was given the best of  
care and attention. The funeral  
services will be held Sunday after-  
noon at 2:30 o'clock at the home,  
Rev. Luke officiating, and inter-  
ment will be made in the Reynolds  
cemetery.

### INTEREST LAGS

Marion County Republicans Held a  
Convention.

Special Telegram To The Democrat  
Indianapolis, March 31.—Interest  
lagged in the republican county  
convention here today. Leonard  
Quill was nominated for clerk, J.  
E. Robert Bryson for auditor, H.  
Charles Benedict for prosecutor, H.  
W. Klaneman for surveyor, Ed  
Robinson for treasurer, John Men-  
denhall for commissioner and Vin-  
cent Carter for superior judge.

### WELL AND HAPPY

Is the Message Fred Rohrer Sends to  
Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, March 31.—"Praise  
God, we won, and our victory was  
celebrated by another attack on me  
in my office. But it's all over  
again and we are well and happy."  
This is the message received by J.  
F. Lewis, attorney of the Anti-  
Saloon League of Indiana, from  
Fred Rohrer, an editor of Berne,  
Ind., who was assaulted early this  
week by saloon rowdies because  
of his temperance utterances.  
This was the third attack made  
upon Editor Rohrer. Twice he  
was seriously assaulted and an at-  
tempt was made once to blow up  
his home with dynamite. The  
fight between the saloon and tem-  
perance forces has been bitter and  
Rohrer has been one of the saloon's  
most aggressive foes. Last Mon-  
day Judge LaFollette of Portland,  
upheld a remonstrance against the  
sale of liquor in Berne. That night  
the saloon force held a rallying  
meeting. It was proposed that the  
whole party visit Editor Rohrer  
and "get even." George Nichols,  
a 300-pounder, asked that the job  
be left to him alone. The others  
consented and a personal encounter  
between Rohrer and Nichols fol-  
lowed. The editor, who is slight in  
stature, was almost unconscious  
when rescued. Attorney Lewis re-  
calls that after the attempt to dy-  
namite Rohrer's home was made  
the editor told his wife that if she  
thought best he would abandon the  
temperance fight, where upon Mrs.  
Rohrer vehemently exclaimed that  
she would far prefer to be "the  
widow of a dead hero than the wife  
of a living coward."

### UP IN G

Geneva Knights Do  
Things Up Right

Geneva Traction Company. Hold a  
Meeting—The Wabash River  
on a Rampage.

Geneva, Ind., March 31.—Not to  
be outdone by any other K. P.  
lodge and to keep right up and  
abreast of the times the local order  
of Knights here has secured a ster-  
eopticon outfit to be used in the  
initiation work. The outfit assists  
very much in this work and is a  
splendid addition to the lodge. A  
class of fifteen new members is  
now being prepared for initiation  
and several more prospectives are  
in sight. It is the purpose of the  
lodge to make its membership  
reach the one hundred mark.

That the Geneva Traction com-  
pany is far from being a thing of  
the past is evidenced from the fact  
that a meeting has been called for  
all stockholders for the purpose of  
electing directors and transacting  
other business. The meeting is to  
be held April 4 and that is the date  
for the annual election of officers  
but it is the "other business" which  
the people are most interested in.  
It is rumored that there is some-  
thing of importance in the wind.

The old Wabash river and the  
"job" ditch are simply raising Cain.  
Both are out of banks and the  
back water has covered acres and  
acre of land. While the high wa-  
ters are nothing like they were  
two years ago yet they are high  
enough to do considerable damage  
to lands bordering their course.  
A few more days like Friday and  
there will certainly be water, water  
everywhere, and all too muddy to  
drink.

### COURT NEWS

Suit Filed to Set Aside a  
Conveyance

February Term Closes Next Saturday  
and April Term Begins a Week  
From Monday.

Hooper & Lenhart have filed a  
new suit in circuit court entitled  
Preston Orr vs. Rose C. Smitley,  
Lewis Smitley, Joseph M. Minch  
and Jacob E. Martin, suit on note  
and to set aside a fraudulent con-  
veyance, demand \$250. The sum-  
mons was made returnable April 12.

Judge Erwin is still busy in the  
Allen circuit court and there was  
no business transacted here today.

Next week is the closing one of  
the February term of court, the  
April term following immediately,  
beginning one week from Monday.

The grand jury will be called next  
week and will meet one week from  
Monday to investigate the wrong  
doings of this community. It's  
about time for some of the boys to  
make their visit to distant friends.

Commissioners H. R. Molts and  
L. L. Dunbar will meet next week,  
probably on Tuesday, to select the  
petit and grand jurors for the April  
term of court.

Several Decatur lawyers will go  
to Portland Monday to appear in  
the Bolds' case. It is claimed that  
Bolds still owes the county about  
\$1,800 and his suit is to collect  
same. C. J. Lutz, represents the  
county.

### OFFICERS ELECTED

D. E. Smith Chosen as Exalted Ruler of  
Elks.

The Elks' lodge met at evening  
and elected the following officers  
who will handle the welfare of the  
lodge the coming year: Exalted  
ruler, D. E. Smith; esteemed lead-  
ing knight, W. A. Lower; esteemed  
loyal knight, J. W. Bosse; esteemed  
lecturing knight, C. E. Neptune;  
secretary, D. E. Stodabaker; treas-  
urer, C. S. Stibick; tiler, J. D.  
Reiter; trustee, D. W. Beery. Im-  
mediately following the election a  
social session was indulged in and  
a most enjoyable evening was  
spent. At this meeting H. L. Con-  
tner was chosen as delegate to the  
Grand lodge, which will convene at  
Denver, Colorado, in June, he be-  
ing the only candidate eligible at  
this time as he is a past exalted  
ruler.

### WOMAN ASSAULTED

In Paul Kraus's Stable This Morning by  
J. A. Rice.

By United Press News Association.  
Indianapolis, March 31.—The  
screams of a woman attracted the  
attention of a colored boy in a  
stable at the rear of Paul Kraus's  
residence today. The boy ran  
and notified the police, asserting  
that he had seen J. A. Rice strike  
Anna Miller with an axe, crushing  
her skull and then leaving her in  
a stall. The police found the wo-  
man, the bloody axe lying by her  
side. The woman was taken to  
the city hospital. Rice escaped.